

TROOPS ARE CALLED.

Violence Feared at Cherry, Ill., When Dead Are Recovered.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 17.—Troops have been called to prevent any untoward demonstration at the St. Paul coal mine when bodies of the 300 men entombed by Saturday's catastrophe are brought to the surface. Sheriff Skoglund, of Bureau county, with authority from State's Attorney Eckhart, telegraphed to Springfield late yesterday, asking Governor Deneen to send several companies of state militia. So far no violence has been displayed and State's Attorney Eckhart hopes by the presence of a small guard to prevent any ill-adviced move on the part of the miners, whose feelings have been wrought up by the loss of their comrades.

When the bodies will be brought to the surface is doubtful. None of the officials believe any of the 300 entombed men are alive. The subterranean fires yesterday were more intense than when the men were entombed and no efforts could be made to enter the mine.

Fire Chief Moran, of Chicago, arrived with a supply of hose and chemical fire extinguishers. The seal over the mouth of the shaft was perforated and it was intended to force water and chemicals down through pipes. A thermometer in the sand on top of the seal showed a temperature of 110 degrees, indicating that heat in the interior of the mine was intense. Chief Moran shook his head.

"It is no use," he said, "to lift the lid, as it would mean that the whole mine would blaze up and there would be no possibility of recovering even the bodies. The coal deposits would take fire and the timber supports would crumble. Perhaps another shaft will have to be dug to recover the remains of the men."

MAY DEFEY PEOPLE.

British House of Lords Threaten to Reject Budget.

London, Nov. 17.—In the house of lords today Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, gave the formal and expected notice of his intention to move for the rejection of the budget bill when it comes up next Monday.

His motion, he said, would be expressed thus: "I move that this house do not assent to the bill."

The terms of Lord Lansdowne's motion were communicated to Premier Asquith and discussed by the cabinet council. Unionists anticipate that 300 peers will support Lord Lansdowne, while supporters of the government in the house of lords number only 40.

When further course Premier Asquith will take is not known, but it is quite unlikely that the cabinet will resign unless the government is defeated at the elections.

BILLION DOLLAR MERGER.

Bell Telephone Takes Over Western Western Union Telegraph Company.

Boston, Nov. 17.—A long stride toward the complete control by one corporation of all wire communication in the United States was made today in the acquisition by the American Telephone & Telegraph company of the control of the Western Union Telegraph company.

To make the absorption complete, the incorporation of a new \$1,000,000,000 company is announced. It is said the new corporation will include the \$592,475,400 of bonds and stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, known as the Bell company, and the outstanding \$165,000,000 of bonds and stocks of the Western Union company.

The acquisition of the Western Union stock by the Bell company has been in progress for six months, and only a sufficient amount to insure control, said to be 51 per cent, was taken over.

Officers of the telephone company believe that the merger will save the Bell company \$75,000,000 in new construction, while it also will enable the utilization of wires both for telegraphing and telephoning.

Three Dead, Five Injured.

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—Three unidentified men are dead, five others are seriously injured and 12 men and women are suffering from bruises and shocks, the result of a fire in a lodging-house on the river front early today. When the fire broke out 30 persons were asleep in the building. Firemen aroused them and carried the women and children to safety. Bodies of the unidentified foreigners were not found until this afternoon, when persons clearing away the debris found them under a stairway.

Weeding Out Jap Banks.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The Japanese Industrial bank of Fresno is to be liquidated soon, according to an announcement by State Superintendent of Banks Alden Anderson, who has just returned from Fresno, where he made an investigation into the condition of the institution. The bank was closed late in October, when the officials of the bank failed to show Anderson that they had sufficient tangible assets. Anderson's action will reduce the number of Japanese banks in California in active business to two.

New Map of World.

London, Nov. 17.—An international conference of topographers met in London today for the purpose of designing a world map intended to be accepted as official by all of the countries represented. The conference is the direct outgrowth of the recent international geographical congress at Geneva. The United States is represented at the conference by Stephen J. Kubel and Bailey Willis, topographers of the United States geological survey.

Issue Will Pick Fruit.

Cleveland, Nov. 17.—A plan for treatment of the city's sewage at the municipal farm colony was announced today. The city will place per acre \$2,500,000 in fruit orchards and vineyards and will purchase the necessary land for treatment has proved satisfactory with fruit trees.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SEARCH FOR PLATINUM.

Government Experts Investigate Prospects in Coos County.

Marshfield.—That platinum exists in Coos county seems to be the opinion of experts and that the development of the mineral is being looked into by men of money there is no doubt. Dr. D. T. Day, who has charge of the mineral division of the geological survey in Washington, D. C., has been making investigations. He was sent out for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of platinum mining developments along the coast. He is quoted as saying that he has found some platinum in the ore examined so far, and has stated that he will give instructions to miners as to how to save the platinum which he believes is now lost in large quantities in the process of mining for gold. A. L. Macdonald of Schenectady, N. Y., where mining machinery is manufactured, is accompanying Dr. Day. They have gone down the coast to make further investigations. The results of the work will be of vast importance to the mining interests of Coos and Curry counties.

FEWER SHEEP ON RESERVE.

Out of Nearly 2,000 Made in Whitman National Forest.

Pendleton.—As a result of the conference between Forest Superintendent Ireland of the Whitman reserve and the advisory board of the wool growers, nearly 2,000 less sheep will be allowed on the forest ranges next year than this. The cut is a graduated one and does not affect the small sheepman, but the large owner suffers considerably. The cut is as follows: The man who owns 1,200 or less will not be subjected to a cut; owners of between 1,200 and 2,000 will be cut 10 per cent, providing the cut does not bring his allotment below 1,200; owners of between 2,000 and 3,000 will be cut 15 per cent, providing it does not reduce the number below 2,000, and owners of more than 3,000 will be cut 20 per cent, providing it does not bring his number below 3,000. The total number of sheep allowed on the reserve is reduced from 153,990 to 165,000.

Will Raise More Sheep.

Baker City.—Baker county sheepmen are pleased with the settlement of the range question with the officials of the reserve, who were here for the meeting of the sheepmen on November 2. A cut of 8000 head had been ordered in districts No. 1 and 2, which include Baker county, but at the last meeting the cut was reduced to 1700 and the growers may be allowed their usual number. With this change it is probable that a larger number of sheep will be raised in Baker county this year.

Big Orchard Near Dee.

Dee.—Portland people are preparing to plant 500 acres to apples south of Dee. The building of the Mount Hood railway from Hood River to Dee and the establishing of the Oregon Lumber company's plant here has in three years settled the valley along Hood river. Many fine apple orchards have been set out. Logged-off lands have been cleared and where three years ago stood the giant firs now are seen buildings and orchards.

Hope for Artesian Water.

Paisley.—The settlers in Christmas Lake valley have raised \$3,750,000 which to pay expenses of boring for artesian water. It is the plan to put down a well 2,000 feet, if necessary. The boring plant was received at Bend last week, and is expected to arrive on the ground within a day or two. The well is to be bored in the vicinity of Phelps place, in the east end of the valley, about 30 miles north of Paisley.

Record Price for Land.

Central Point.—Bert Anderson has sold 180 acres of his farm two miles from this place for \$27,500. R. D. Hoke, recently from Florida, is the new owner. Mr. Hoke was formerly extensively engaged in the growing of pineapples and grape fruit on the west coast of Florida, but has sold out his holdings there and will become a fixture in Southern Oregon.

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Portland Markets.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07; club, 96c; red Russian, 94c; Valley, 95c-96c; Fife, 95c; Turkey red, 96c; 40-fold, 98c. Barley—Feed, \$27.50; brewing, \$28 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14.67-17 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; alfalfa, \$15@16; clover, \$14, \$18@13.50; grain hay, \$14@15. Butter—City creamery extra, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 32 1/2@36 per lb.; store, 22 1/2@24c. (Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 per pound under regular prices). Eggs—Oregon extras, 42 1/2@45 per dozen; Eastern, 30c@34c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 13 1/2@14 1/2; springs, 13 1/2@14 1/2; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@15 1/2; geese, 10 1/2; turkeys, live, 16@18c; dressed, 20@22c; squabs, 1 1/2@2c per dozen. Veal—Fancy, 66@9 1/2c per pound. Fruits—Apples, \$1.63@1.75 per pound; peaches, 10c; grapes, 16c@1.50 per crate, 12 1/2@15c per box; cranberries, \$9@9.50 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box. Potatoes—50c@60c per sack; sweet potatoes, 1 1/2@2c per pound. Vegetables—Arishokas, 75c per sack; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 4c@1c; cauliflower, 90c@1.15; onions, 50c@55c; celery, 50c@55c; horseradish, 45c@10c; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 15c per box; pumpkins, 10c@15c; radishes, 15c per dozen; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 16c@1.10; tomatoes, 10c@11c; beans, 12c@13c; carrots, 2c; beets, \$1.25; rutabagas, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25; onions, \$1.25@1.50 per sack. Hops—1908 crop, 22@24; 1908 crop, 20c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@22c lb; Mohair, Chelco, 24c. Cattle—Best steers, \$4.25@4.50; fat to good, \$3.45@4; medium and fed, \$2.50@3.75; best cows, \$3.50@3.65; medium, \$2.50@2.75; commons to medium, \$2.50@3.50; bulls, \$2.50@3.50; heavy, \$4.00; calves, light, \$2.25. Hogs—Best, \$7.00; medium, \$7.50; fat to good, \$3.10; best sows, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.10; medium, \$2.75; light, \$2.50. Sheep—Best, \$4.50; medium, \$4.00; fat to good, \$3.10; best sows, \$3.50; fair to good, \$2.75; light, \$2.50.

Asylum Bids Awarded.

Salem.—The board of trustees of the Oregon State Asylum has awarded to the Northwest Bridge works of Portland the general contract for the new receiving ward building at the hospital for the insane.

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REFORESTATION IS EASY.

Observations of a Practical Timberman Clearly Set Forth.

(By J. S. Young, Inman-Pentecost Logging Co., Kelso, Wash.)

The Timberman: As the question of conserving our present forests and reforesting our logged-off lands is now commanding so much attention, a few observations from one who has given the subject considerable thought may not be out of place.

People who are dealing with statistics and theories tell us that our forests will be practically exhausted in fifty years at the present rate of cutting; and as the rate of consumption will undoubtedly increase, it would seem that our only hope of a supply for future generations is in growing more trees.

The question of conserving and reforesting our forests and raising another crop of timber to take the place of the one we are cutting and destroying is purely an economic one, and not governed by academic theories. Hence, we will conserve and protect our present forests, plant and raise a new crop of trees on our logged-off lands just as soon as we find out that it pays to do so.

The writer remembers doing a lot of hard work in early life, along with many others, destroying our forests that we might raise grain and garden truck to eat and hay for our stock; and why? Because these things to us had a value, and trees had none. We could not eat them and nobody wanted to buy them. But mark the change today. The trees have a value; our forests are at the present time one of the chief sources of wealth to the states along the Pacific Coast, and where the conditions for reforesting are so favorable, they can be made a source of wealth for all time to come. But as approximately only 20 per cent of the standing timber of the country is in the hands of the government and about 80 per cent under private ownership, the question of reforestation presents some serious difficulties.

What is the age of our present forests? What are the means to be employed to reforest our logged-off lands? What length of time will it take? What benefits can be derived? And then the great question, Will it pay? To the first question, I would answer: "From 100 to 400 years." The national government is at the present time gathering the data to answer questions two and three.

The writer has made some observations regarding the growth of timber, which lead him to believe that growing timber will pay. I have found trees 135 years old 55 inches in diameter on the stump, that cut over six thousand feet of merchantable lumber. The annual growth showed these trees were 24 inches on the stump at 40 years and at that time should cut 900 feet of lumber. From my observations, extending over several sections of timber, 100 trees 16 to 18 inches in diameter can be grown on each acre in 40 years and these will make 30,000 feet of merchantable lumber; these same trees will cut 75,000 feet at the end of 125 years. The question is, What will be the value of this 30,000 feet of timber grown on an acre in 40 years or the 75,000 feet grown on each acre in 125 years? I will hazard a guess that the 30,000 feet of standing timber will be worth \$5 per thousand in 40 years, and that an acre of land planted to trees will earn \$6 per year for the first 40 years, not counting the small amount that can be taken out and used for wood, posts and poles during that period.

I do not think there is any use to which we can put our mountains, rocky, logged-off lands that will yield as much wealth, though, as the individual 40 years is a long time to wait for a harvest, but not long to the state or nation.

To my mind, the phase of the question that presents the most serious difficulty is the problem of taxation. I have no hesitation in saying that our present system of taxation, particularly regarding growing timber, is all wrong. I do not propose to discuss the matter as to whether or not the timber interests have paid too much or under the taxes in the past or at the present time, but a system that does not tax the growing crops of the farmer, the gardener, or the fruit grower, and taxes the growing crop of timber over and over, and at a rate that will confiscate the entire crop in 30 to 35 years, when it takes from 40 to 100 years to raise the crop, is certainly open to valid objection. As a substitute for our present system of taxing timber, based on values, I would advocate a cutting tax to be paid when the timber is cut; a portion of this tax to be set aside to bear the expense of reforestation by the state; and a portion to pay the expense of protecting our present forests from fire and depreciation.

I shall not attempt in this article to enter into the details of such a scheme. I am told on good authority that raising taxes by the state or national government pays for the European countries. If so, why not here on our western coast, where the conditions are almost ideal?

Bomb Kills Police Chief.

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 16.—The chief of police of this city, Senor Falcon, and the police secretary were assassinated today when driving in Callao street. A man, still unidentified, sprang from a secluded spot and threw a bomb which blew to pieces the car. The vehicle was blown to pieces and Senor Falcon and the secretary were terribly injured. They were carried to the sidewalk and later to a hospital, but died soon afterwards. Immediately after throwing the bomb the assassin drew a revolver and shot himself. The wound is not expected to prove fatal.

Ask Uncle Sam to Smite Zelaya.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Nov. 17.—A petition is being circulated by those in sympathy with the revolution against President Zelaya demanding that the United States interfere in favor of the revolution, which, the petition alleges, is a result of the misuse of Zelaya. One paragraph of the petition reads: "Right after the election of President Taft, Zelaya's chief of police in Guaymas offered an insult to the American flag by taking it from the hands of a man who was waving it, and casting it down as 'a miserable piece of trash' on the streets."

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San Francisco, Nov. 15.—A. R. McKinley, one of the United States Marine detectives, who was arrested several months ago on a charge of stealing documents from the office of District Attorney Langdon, entered suit today against Rudolf S. Henry, William Burns, Francis J. Henry, Harry Wood and John D. Burns for \$50,000 damages for conspiracy and false imprisonment. The charge against McKinley was dismissed last week.

Traveler Will Have Orchard.

Madison.—C. W. Cotton has bought 25 acres from Anderson & Green for \$25,000. Mr. Cotton is a traveling man. He will establish a large orchard on the land.

Hayward Sells for Good Price.

Dallas.—E. Williams and L. Yorkman have purchased of Thomas Holden 100 acres of hayland, located near Here, for \$200,000.

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

PEARL HARBOR PLANS WIN.

Hawaii Naval Station to Be Greatest in Pacific Ocean.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The president has approved the recommendation of the joint army and navy board for making Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, the greatest naval station in the Pacific. In doing this, it was considered that a temporary naval station only would be constructed at Olongapo, and that the proposed improvement in Manila harbor would be abandoned. This will leave the protection of the ports to the army.

MAKE TORPEDOES ON COAST.

Navy Department Seeking Location for Station in West.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The navy department has decided to establish a torpedo station on the Pacific Coast to manufacture and repair torpedoes for use on the Pacific Coast and by the ships of the Pacific fleet.

There is but one torpedo plant in the United States that is located at Newport, and it is entirely inadequate, being able to turn out only 100 torpedoes a year. More than twice that number are purchased abroad.

The department proposes ultimately to manufacture all its torpedoes in this country, and to that end a plant will be established on the Pacific Coast as soon as Congress makes the necessary appropriation. The exact location of the plant has not yet been determined.

State's Title Cleared.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The title of the state of Washington to the ground on which its capitol is located was cleared today when the supreme court of the United States decided that Clara and May E. Sylvester had not a rightful claim to it. The grounds were donated in 1855 for capitol purposes by Edmund Sylvester, husband and father, respectively of Clara and May E. Sylvester, but his heirs have sought to cancel the donation on the ground that it was not legally made. The state supreme court held the transaction correct.

Forest Work Needs \$400,000.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Four hundred thousand dollars, in the judgment of Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, will be necessary to administer properly the 25,000,000 acres of public lands added to the national forests by President Roosevelt during the last six weeks of his administration. The bulk of these lands are in Alaska. The appropriation for the current year for the administration of the national forests is \$4,624,000.

Gompers' Petition Denied.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The circuit court of appeals yesterday denied the petition of President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor to stay the issuance of the mandate until July 22, thereby giving the labor leaders more time to perfect their appeal to the supreme court. Unless the supreme court intervenes the mandate will issue.

Doctor Commands Ship.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Secretary Meyer today settled the controversy as to whether a line officer or medical officer shall be placed in command of the hospital ship Saker by designating Surgeon George Pickrell, of the medical corps, to command the vessel. The navigation of the ship will be in charge of a merchant sailing master.

Well Known Writer Dead.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Raymond Albert Patterson, a widely known newspaper writer, died here today. He had been connected with the Chicago Tribune for 31 years, 15 years as its Washington correspondent. He was a schoolmate of President Taft. He was 53 years of age at the time of his death.

Taft Considers Message.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft will in a few days consider the amendment to the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws which he will recommend to congress in his message. W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central, was among the president's callers today.

President Buries Scribe.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Taft this afternoon attended the funeral of Raymond A. Patterson, late correspondent of the Chicago Tribune in this city. Mr. Patterson and the president were classmates at Yale, and Mr. Taft acted as an honorary pallbearer.

Nagel Orders De Lara Freed.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Nagel announced today that the evidence against De Lara, the Mexican held at Los Angeles on the charge of being an alien anarchist, was insufficient to hold him, and he wired to Los Angeles ordering his release.

Employers Held to Liability.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The federal supreme court today decided that the employers' liability act of 1906 is constitutional in the territories and the District of Columbia. Its constitutionality in the states was not passed upon.

SETTLERS WIN DECISION.

Real Workers on Irrigation Projects to Be Paid.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Settlers on government irrigation projects who assisted in constructing these projects, and who were paid in water users' certificates since declared invalid by the attorney general, are to be paid in cash for each service as they rendered. This will be done under the decision of the controller of the treasury, who concurs in the view of the attorney general that the issuance of certificates was illegal, but who further holds that, inasmuch as actual work was performed in the interest of the government, it must be paid for. He directs that this indebtedness be discharged by money from the reclamation fund. As the controller's decision is interpreted, it does not authorize the redemption of outstanding certificates but merely directs the payment of those settlers who performed construction work.

OREGON WHEAT VALUE HIGH.

Farm Value 92 Cents Against 83 for Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 16.—According to the department of agriculture report, issued today, the value of wheat on November 1, 1908, is 92 cents in Oregon, 89 cents in Washington and 83 cents in Idaho, as against 81 cents in Oregon, 82 in Washington and 74 in Idaho November 1, 1907.

The report also shows that the average price for wheat in Oregon since October 1, 1907, is 88 cents in Washington and 83 cents in Oregon and Idaho when the total weight of the wheat was 1,000,000 bushels, two pounds above the average. Washington wheat weighed 48 pounds, the average for that state.

Typhoon Destroys Buildings.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The destructive character of the typhoon which passed through the Philippines is indicated by a cablegram received today from the general of the islands, stating that it had wasted the population of Iloilo, and out over the China sea. A considerable damage was done to property in Tacloban. In Capiz the provincial government building and railroad offices and houses built of light material were blown down. Growing crops were damaged.

Ballinger to Answer Givens.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Secretary Ballinger will answer Givens of the Interior department today in the latest publication of the Givens charges affecting the attitude of the interior department toward the Alaska coal lands. On the result of the consultation will depend the next step in the matter. Secretary Ballinger attaches to this document as it will contain Mr. Ballinger's views on the general treatment of public land questions.

Withdraw Oregon Lands.

Washington, Nov. 18.—In line with his policy of waiting for legislation affecting the disposition of public lands containing power sites and petroleum deposits, Secretary Ballinger today announced the withdrawal from settlement of lands in different parts of the west. These include 2,682 acres along the White river, approximately 200 acres along the Crooked river; 600 acres along the middle fork of the John Day river; 9,031 acres, and 130 acres along the south fork. All the withdrawals are in Oregon.

Gain of Exports Huge.

Washington, Nov. 12.—An increase of more than \$21,000,000 in the value of the exports of domestic products to the United States is shown for last October, compared with a like period last year. The respective total being \$3,643,720, against \$1,783,048. Exports of wheat declined from 12,322,146 bushels in October, 1908, to 8,706,419 bushels in October last and the value of exports of meat and dairy products fell from \$11,933,312 in October, 1908, to \$8,364,540 in October, 1909.

Captaincy for Peary.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Commander Robert E. Peary, civil engineer who holds that title rank by courtesy, will soon be promoted to a captaincy in the civil engineers corps by reason of his retirement of the man next above Peary's rank as captain also will be by courtesy. He will get \$8,000 a year. It is said that he is to apply for retirement. In that case he would get \$4,000 a year and be free to do private work.

Bridge Plans Approved.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The act secretary of war, on recommendation of the chief of engineers and the judge advocate-general of the army, has approved the plans for the new O. R. & B. bridge across the Willamette river at Portland. Notification of this approval will be sent to the railroad company through Major Kavanaugh at